

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CIVIL MINUTES - GENERAL

Case No. EDCV 17-507 JVS (AJWx) Date August 25, 2020

Title Joel Alcox v. The City of Lompoc, et al.

Present: The Honorable James V. Selna, US District Court Judge

Lisa Bredahl

Not Present

Deputy Clerk

Court Reporter

Attorneys Present for Plaintiffs:

Attorneys Present for Defendants:

Not Present

Not Present

Proceedings: (In Chambers) Order Granting Motion for Good Faith Settlement

Defendants City of Lompoc and Harry Heidt (collectively “City Defendants”) move for a determination that their settlement with plaintiff Joel Alcox (“Alcox”) has been entered into in good faith, and seek a determination to that effect pursuant California Code of Civil Procedure § 877.6 (“Section 877.6”). (Docket No. 136.) The Court grants the Motion.

First, the remaining defendants County of Santa Barbara and Kenneth Ast (“County Defendants”) have filed a notice of non-opposition. (Docket No. 137.) That is a sufficient basis to grant the motion. (Section 877.6(a)(2).)

Second, Alcox has met all of the statutory requirements. Tech-Bilt Inc. v. Woodward-Clyde & Associates, 38 Cal. 3d 488, 499-500 (1985). The settlement provides for a \$2 million payment in exchange for dismissal of all claims against the City Defendants. The settlement amount is proportional to an overall resolution of all claims against the defendants and to the City Defendants’ portion of that liability. The settlement reflects that only a limited number of claims against the City Defendants remain, and that generally less is paid in a settlement before trial. The Court finds no collusion; the settlement was achieved with the assistance of a mediator.

The Motion is granted.

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